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1. PRESS CONTINUES TO REPORT DEVELOPMENTS RE
GARRISON DIVERSION; LATEST IS GOC INITIATIVE TO MAKE
ITS VIEWS KNOWN, VIA STATE DEPARTMENT, TO CONGRESS.

2. MEANWHILE, QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT PERSIST AND ONCE
AGAIN PRESIDENT FORD WAS MENTIONED, THIS TIME BY PRIME
MINISTER TRUDEAU. EXCHANGE, WHICH TOOK PLACE JUNE 20,
WAS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

MR. DAN MCKENZIE (WINNIPEG SOUTH CENTRE): MR. SPEAKER,
MY QUESTION IS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER. DUE TO CONFLICTING
STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION BEING WITHHELD ON THE DAMAGING
EFFECTS THE GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT WILL HAVE ON MANI-
TOBA WATERS, AND IN LIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE I PRESENTED
TO THE PRIME MINISTER ON TWO OCCASIONS TO SUPPORT
THIS CHARGE, WHAT ACTION WILL THE GOVERNMENT BE TAKING
OTHER THAN SENDING A NOTE TO IJC?

RIGHT HON. P.E. TRUDEAU (PRIME MINISTER): MR. SPEAKER,

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I HAVE NOT FOLLOWED THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS

MATTER, BUT IN REFERENCE TO AN EARLIER QUESTION--I
BELIEVE A MOTION PUT EARLIER TODAY--I WOULD LIKE TO
REMIND THE HON. MEMBER THAT I DID RAISE THIS MATTER
WITH PRESIDENT FORD DIRECTLY WHEN I MET HIM IN THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER. OUR MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS ARE
DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO ENSURE THAT CANADA'S
INTERESTS WILL BE PROTECTED. END QUOTE.
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